

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for UA3 Food Bank Network Capacity Expansion in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project UA3, Inc., located at 384 Grand Street, NY, NY 10002. The funding would be used to expand capacity of the UA3 Food Bank Network with dry and cold storage units and an electric delivery vehicle that together will preserve and store nutritious foods and streamline and improve energy-efficient food distribution to low-income residents of Lower Manhattan and northwest Brooklyn.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because acquiring dry and cold storage units and an electric delivery vehicle will add needed capacity to UA3's food storage and distribution to a network of 130 community-based organizations serving low-income New Yorkers. UA3 will be able to safely preserve and store fresh produce and larger quantities of nutritious food on a routine basis as well as to respond more efficiently to emergency food needs within their distribution area across Lower Manhattan and northwest Brooklyn. Acquisition of a high-capacity electric delivery vehicle will expand delivery capacity, reduce energy needs, and eliminate harmful emissions. UA3 has maintained a robust, highly effective food distribution program and this expansion project is strongly supported by local communities, stakeholders, and elected officials.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Department of Housing and Urban Development – CDBG Economic Development Initiative (EDI) 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2) related to the acquisition or installation of improvements, including energy efficiency.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Goldman', with a stylized, cursive script.

Dan Goldman  
Member of Congress